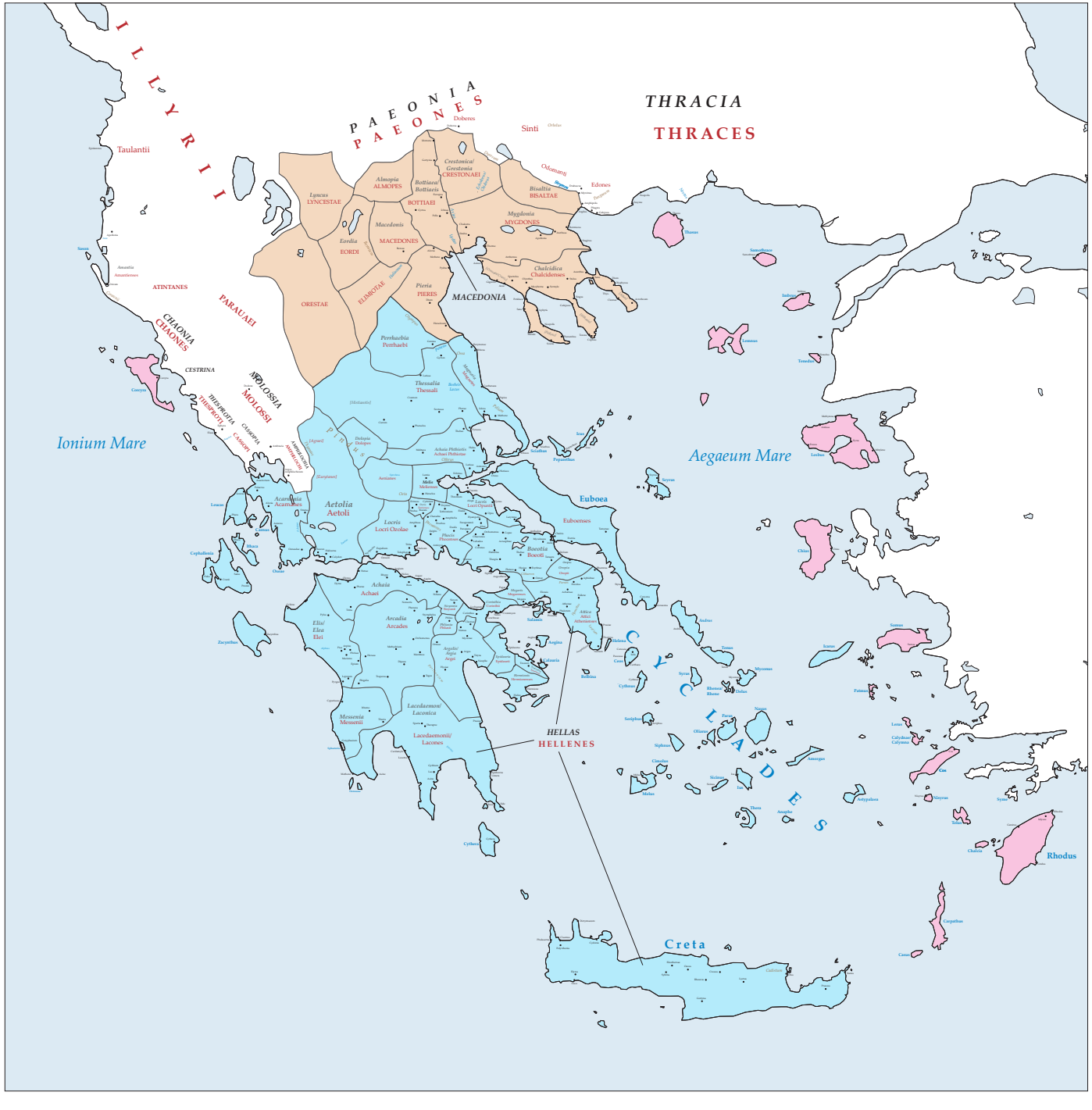

Maps of Greece, Epirus and Macedonia from the Times of Homer to the 6th Century AD

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Map 2

Map of the Hellenes, Hellas, the Macedonians, and Macedonia
5th-4th centuries BC
Source : Herodotus' "Histories", Thucydides' "Histories" and Scylax' "Periplus"

GRAECI/HELLENES *and GRAECIA/HELLAS*
lands inhabited by the Hellenes but not located in Hellas
MACEDONIA

This map shows the Hellenes, Hellas, the Macedonians (Macedones), Macedonia and other neighbouring peoples and lands, like the Molossians (Molossi), the Amphilochi and the Thesproti, during the 5th and 4th centuries BC, according to Herodotus' "Histories", Thucydides' "Histories" and Scylax' "Periplus".

The homeland of the Hellenes was named Hellas after them. Hellas was composed of the mainland and the islands. The Hellenes were also found in other lands not included in Hellas, like the island of Corcyra and the western shores of Asia. The Hellenes were composed of these peoples: the Acarnanes, the Aetolians (Aetoli), the Locrians (Locri), the Phocaeans (Phocenses), the Boeotians (Boeoti), the Athenians (Athenienses), the Megarenses, the Corinthii, the Sicyonii, the Achaeans (Achaei), the Eleians (Elei), the Arcadians (Arcades), the Messenii, the Laconians (Lacones), the Hermionenses, the Troezenii, the Epidaurii, the Prasians (Dryopenses), the Melienses, the Aenianes, the Dolopes, the Phthiotic Achaeans (Achaei Phthiotae), the Thessalians (Thessali), the Magnetes and the Perrhaebi. The Hellenes of the islands originated from these peoples. Each people inhabited a land which was named after it. For example, Boeotia was called after the Boeotians, Achaia Phthiotis after the Phthiotic Achaeans, Corinthia after the Corinthii, Dolopia after the Dolopes, Laconica after the Laconians etc. The inhabitants of the islands were named after these islands, as the Euboeans (Euboenses) after Euboea and the Aeginetae after Aegina.

Macedonia contained all the land situated under the rule of the Kings of the Macedonians. The original homeland of the Macedonians is called Macedonia by Herodotus. Macedonia was part of Macedonia. Macedonia contained other peoples different from the Macedonians, like the Paeos, the Bottiaei, the Chalcidenses and the Bisaltae, who were all under the rule of the Macedonians. The Chalcidenses were part of the Hellenes and originated from Euboea.

Herodotus and Thucydides wrote during the 5th century BC, while Scylax wrote during the 4th century BC. Their writings reflect these two centuries.

Note :
At the end of the 4th century BC, all the peoples that were under the rule of the Macedonians became known as the Macedonians. These peoples were the Bottiaei, the Mygdones, the Bisaltae, the Crestonaei, the Almopes, the Paeos, the Eordi, the Elimiotae, the Orestae and the Lyncestae.

Selective Latin-English Index

All names on the maps are in Latin. This index shows the corresponding English forms of the most frequent names.

Achaei = Achaeans
Aetoli = Aetolians
Arcades = Arcadians
Athenae = Athens
Athenienses = Athenians
Boeoti = Boeotians
Caeni = Ceans
Carnes = Carians
Dardi = Dardanes
Dorienses = Dorians
Elei = Eleans
Epirotae = Epirots
Euboenses = Euboeans
Graeci = Hellenes, Greeks
Graecia = Hellas, Greece
Hellas = Hellas, Greece
Hellenes = Hellenes, Greeks
Iaones, Ionies = Ionians
Illyrii = Illyrians
Insulae = Islands
Lacedaemonii = Lacedaemonians
Lacones = Laconians
Locri = Locrians
Macedones = Macedonians
Macedonia = Macedonia
Molossi = Molossians
Paeones = Paeonians
Pelasgi = Pelasgians
Phocenses = Phocaeans
Romani = Romans
Thessali = Thessalians
Thraces = Thracians
Troes = Trojans
Troia = Troy

Common Legend For All Maps

Lands :

GRAECIA	1st level land
Thessalia	2nd level land = part of 1st level land
[Hestiaeotis]	3rd level land = part of 2nd level land
ACHAIA	province (type of 1st level lands)
	= division of the Roman Empire
Pindus	mountain
Rhodus	island
Athenae	town, village or port

Waters :

Axius	river, marsh, lake or sea

Peoples :

GRAECI	1st level people
Aetoli	2nd level people = part of 1st level people
[Eurytanes]	3rd level people = part of 2nd level people
———	borders between peoples / borders between lands
.....	maritime borders of Roman provinces